

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 621

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jean Shadow on her selection as the Teacher of the Year at Russellville Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jean Shadow is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shadow was recently selected as the Teacher of the Year for Russellville Elementary School in the Hamblen County School District, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, currently pursuing a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Lincoln Memorial University, Ms. Shadow earned her Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Belhaven College in Jackson, Mississippi prior to furthering her studies at Oklahoma University, Holmes College, and Tusculum College; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shadow is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, employed by Russellville Elementary for the past six years, Jean Shadow is currently serving with acumen and alacrity as a fifth grade teacher; and

WHEREAS, eager to develop stronger curriculum and improve test scores, Ms. Shadow has presented training sessions on analyzing the needs of students, using various sources of data to drive instruction; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary tenure, Ms. Shadow has rendered sterling service as a supervising teacher for student teachers, a grade-level chairperson, a member of the Math Textbook Adoption Committee, and coach of the Russellville Scholar Bowl team, the Hamblen County champions; and

WHEREAS, a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international organization of women educators, she has also devoted her time and energies to Toys for Tots, Central Services, and sponsoring a scholarship for graduating seniors; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ms. Shadow was named the 2006 Teacher of the Year at Nichols Hills Elementary in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shadow truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Jean Shadow truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jean Shadow on being chosen as the Teacher of the Year at Russellville Elementary, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.